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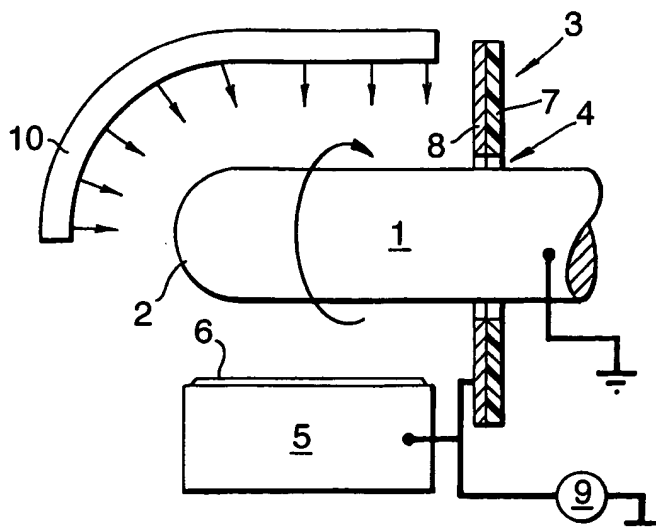
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process comprising electrostatically applying a
powder coating material to a plurality of shaped
substrates, treating the powder to form a contin-
uous coating layer on each of the shaped sub-
strates, and removing the shaped coating lay-
ers from the substrate to provide hollow cap-
sule shells. An apparatus for the production of
a capsule shell includes a substrate, a source of
charged powder material and a voltage source for
applying a bias voltage between the source of
powder material and the substrate to generate
an electric field therebetween such that powder
material is applied to the substrate.